

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-15, 17-24 are in the case.

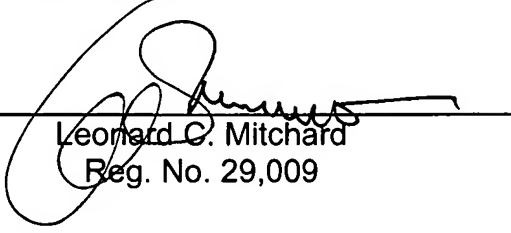
In response to the restriction requirement, Group IV (claims 15-24) is elected.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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